

CLAIMS

1. A server apparatus comprising:
 - a receiving means for receiving an email;
 - a storage means for storing, in association with an email address, screening data for screening the email;
 - a determining means for determining an email address indicating an addressee from the email received by the receiving means,
 - reading from the storage means the screening data associated with the determined email address,
 - determining whether to deliver the email to the recipientaddressee based on the read screening data, and
 - outputting a determination result;
 - a reporting means for reporting information indicating the determination result to the determined email recipientaddressee if the determination result is “not deliver”; and
 - a delivery means for delivering the received email to the determined email recipientaddressee if the determination result is “deliver”.
2. The server apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
 - the receiving means comprises a clock means for obtaining a current time;
 - the storage means stores data indicating a trial period; and
 - the delivery means delivers the received email to the determined email recipientaddressee while the current time obtained by the clock means is within the trial period, if the determination result is “not deliver”.
3. The server apparatus according claim 1, wherein
 - the reporting means reports the determination result to the sender of the received email when the email address determined by the determining means is a first email address.

4. The server apparatus according to claim 2 and claim 3, wherein the reporting means reports the determination result via email.
5. The server apparatus according claim 1, wherein
the receiving means stores the received email in the storage means; and
the determining means deletes the stored email from the storage means, if the determination result is “not deliver”.
6. The server apparatus according to claim 5, wherein
the determining means stores a history of the determination results in the storage means, in association with determined email address; and
the reporting means reports the history of the determination results to the determined email address.
7. The server apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
the storage means stores an order of priority in association with the delivery screening data and an order of priority in association with the non-delivery screening data, respectively, if the screening data includes both delivery screening data for screening email to be delivered and non-delivery screening data for screening email not to be delivered;
the determining means outputs the determination result “deliver”, if received email contains only delivery screening data;
the determining means outputs the determination result “not deliver” if received email contains only non-delivery screening data;
the determining means reads from the storage means the order of priority for the screening data contained in the received email if the screening data includes both delivery screening data and non-delivery screening data, and outputs the determination result “deliver” if the screening data with the highest order of priority is delivery screening data, and outputs the determination result “not deliver” if the screening data with the highest order of priority is non-delivery screening data.
8. The server apparatus according to claim 7, wherein

the storage means stores for each email address the order of priority for delivery screening data and the order of priority for non-delivery screening data, respectively.

9. The server apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
the determining means outputs the determination result “deliver” if the screening data is contained in the received email.

10. The server apparatus according to claim 9, wherein
the storage means stores one or more screening data candidates in association with category information;

the server apparatus further comprises a sending means for sending information on a plurality of categories to a communication terminal capable of receiving email;

the receiving means further receives an email address assigned to the user of the communication terminal and sent from the communication terminal along with the category information selected by the user of the communication terminal from among the information the plurality of categories sent by the sending means and sent from the communication terminal; and

the storage means stores, in association with the email address received by the receiving means, one or a plurality of screening data candidates associated with the category information received by the receiving means.

11. The server apparatus according to claim 9, wherein
the storage means stores screening data candidates, and
the storage means stores a screening data candidate, if the received email contains the screening data candidate in the case that the email address determined by the determining means is a second email address.

12. The server apparatus according to claim 9, wherein:
the storage means stores screening data candidates,
the determining means extracts a plurality of character strings from the received email by performing morphological analysis applied to the received email,

compares each of the plurality of extracted character strings with the screening data candidates stored in the storage means, and stores as screening data in the storage means the screening data candidate identical to the extracted character string, if the email address determined by the determining means is a second email address.

13. The server apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
a deleting means for deleting the screening data from the storage means.